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# Clinical Outcomes and Predictors of Satisfaction in Patients with Improved Lithium Disilicate All-Ceramic Crowns

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## Significance of the Study

- In this study, lithium disilicate (LD) crowns had a long survival rate at 3 years and provided good aesthetic replacement for the lost tooth structure. Clinical oral hygiene habits including brushing, flossing, and regular dental visits were predictors of the clinical survival of LD crowns.

## Keywords

Clinical outcome · Crowns · Failure · Lithium disilicate · Predictors · Survival

## Abstract

**Objectives:** The aim of this study was to determine the clinical outcomes and predictors of satisfaction in patients with lithium disilicate (LD) ceramic crowns. **Subjects and Methods:** Clinical outcomes were assessed in 47 patients with 88 LD crowns using modified United States Public Health Service (USPHS) evaluation criteria and survival rates. The questionnaire for predictors included 3 aspects: (a) sociodemographic characteristics, (b) oral health habits (tooth brushing frequency, flossing frequency, and dental visits), and (c) satisfaction

of the restorations (aesthetics, function, fit, cleansability, and chewing ability of the crowns, and overall satisfaction). Frequency distributions were computed using univariate and multivariate analysis. The Student *t* test and analysis of variance (ANOVA) were used to compare means across variables. Correlation analysis was done to assess the association between continuous variables. **Results:** The age of crowns was  $34.7 \pm 9.7$  months. The survival rate was 96.6% at  $35.9 \pm 9.2$  months. There was a significant association between successful crown function and oral hygiene measures: tooth brushing ( $p < 0.001$ ), dental visits ( $p = 0.006$ ), and flossing ( $p = 0.009$ ). A strong negative correlation was observed between aesthetic satisfaction ( $r = -0.717$ ,  $p < 0.001$ ) and chewing ability ( $r = -0.639$ ,  $p < 0.001$ ) with crown age. The linear regression model was significant for all predictors ( $p < 0.05$ ) except overall

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satisfaction ( $p > 0.05$ ). **Conclusion:** The LD crowns had long survival rates of 96.6% up to  $35.9 \pm 9.2$  months and provided satisfactory clinical performance (low risk of failure). Oral hygiene habits such as brushing, flossing, and regular dental visits influenced patient satisfaction with LD crowns.

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## Introduction

Lithium disilicate (LD) ceramics have revolutionized all-ceramic restorations by enhancing the mechanical and aesthetic properties of glass-based ceramics in dentistry [1]. LD ceramics consist of a glassy matrix of silica through which lithium oxide crystals are dispersed. The crystals are oriented in an interlocking

manner that inhibits the propagation of cracks and provides flexural strengths of up to 440 MPa [2]. In addition, LD ceramics can be bonded adhesively to the tooth structure through surface treatments (hydrofluoric acid) and chemical interactions (silanes), thereby allowing them to be used as conservative aesthetic restorations with improved mechanical strength [3]. The LD restorations are chemically stable and show excellent compatibility with surrounding periodontal tissues [4]. In addition, due to their excellent optical properties, LD-based aesthetic rehabilitations also enhance [5] the patient's self-esteem.

LD crowns are widely used to restore anterior teeth due to their excellent aesthetic properties [6]. Nevertheless, the survival rate depends on a number of factors such as marginal adaptation, anatomic form, and retention [7]. In a study by Yu et al. [8], the cumulative failure

**Table 1.** Modified USPHS criteria used for evaluation of LD crowns

Parameters	Rating	Restoration condition
Anatomic form	Alpha	The restoration is continuous with the anatomy of the teeth
	Bravo	Slightly over- or undercontoured restoration; slightly undercontoured; contact slightly open (maybe self-correcting); locally reduced occlusal height
	Charlie	* Restoration is grossly over- or undercontoured, with an exposed base or dentin; faulty contact, i.e., not self-correcting; reduced occlusal height; occlusion affected
	Delta	* Marginal overhang present; traumatic occlusion; damaged tooth, supporting bone or soft tissues
Marginal adaptation	Alpha	The restoration is continuous with current anatomic form, and the sharp explorer will not catch
	Bravo	The sharp explorer does catch, but there are no observable crevices that the explorer will penetrate
	Charlie	There is a crevice at the margin, and there is an exposed enamel margin
	Delta	* The crevice at the margin is very apparent, and there is exposed dentine or lute
Integrity of restoration	Alpha	Intact
	Bravo	* Crack apparent on transillumination
	Charlie	* Fracture observable
	Delta	* Crown lost (state at which interface debond occurred)
Colour match	Alpha	Excellent colour match and shade between restoration and adjacent tooth, restoration almost invisible
	Bravo	Slightly mismatching between the restoration and the adjacent tooth, which is in the normal range of tooth colour, translucence, and/or shade
	Charlie	* Obvious mismatch, beyond the normal range
	Delta	* Gross mismatch/aesthetically displeasing colour, shade, and/or translucence
Secondary caries	Alpha	No apparent caries contiguous with the restoration margin
	Bravo	* Caries are observable contiguous with the restoration margin
Postoperative sensitivity	Alpha	No sensitivity
	Bravo	* Sensitivity
Retention	Alpha	Complete retention of the restoration
	Bravo	* Mobility present

Alpha, Bravo, Charlie and Delta implied increased severity of each nominal scale. USPHS, United States Public Health Service; LD, lithium disilicate. \* Unsatisfactory.

**Table 2.** Sample characteristics

Variable	n (%)
Gender	
Male	16 (34)
Female	31 (66)
Ethnicity	
Malay	22 (46.8)
Chinese	20 (42.6)
Indian	5 (10.6)
Level of education	
Secondary school	14 (29.8)
Diploma	18 (38.3)
Degree	13 (27.7)
Masters	2 (4.3)
Marital status	
Single	20 (42.6)
Married	27 (57.4)
Age of patients	
≤36 years	24 (51.1)
>36 years	23 (48.9)
Smoking	
Smoker	2 (4.3)
Non-smoker	44 (93.6)
Occasionally	1 (2.1)
Alcohol intake	
Yes	1 (2.1)
Not regular	5 (10.6)
Former	1 (2.1)
Never	40 (85.1)
Tooth brushing frequency	
Once daily	13 (27.7)
>Once daily	34 (72.3)
Dental visit	
Regular	31 (66)
Irregular	16 (34)
Flossing	
Yes	39 (83)
No	8 (17)

rate of LD crowns was 3.3% involving ceramic chipping and fracture. Fracture of the core ceramic has also been reported [9] as an important reason of failure.

The clinical success of management with LD restorations is related to the quality of the prosthodontic work, aesthetic colour matching, restorative fit, functional ability of restorations, cleansability of the crowns, and maintenance of oral hygiene [10, 11]. The most common oral diseases such as dental caries and periodontal disease are considered to be behavioural diseases, as healthy oral habits are critical for controlling oral infections [11]. Traditionally, good oral health practice consists of self-care habits such as dental hygiene, restriction of sugar intake, use of fluoride products, and utilization of dental services

like oral health education and professionally applied preventive measures [12]. Maintenance of optimum oral hygiene ensures good health of soft and hard tissues associated with restorations, in turn improving their clinical success and prognosis [9].

An important aspect of clinical success in patients receiving LD restorations is patient satisfaction. Assessment of satisfaction outcomes allows for a direct appraisal of patients' opinions and feelings towards different aspects of the prosthodontic rehabilitation. Patient satisfaction with LD ceramic treatments is effected by the improvement in their oral health and aspects of their quality of life (such as function, comfort, and aesthetics) [13]. Previous studies [13, 14] have assessed and reported patient satisfaction for all-ceramic restorations with respect to oral hygiene and satisfaction of treatment. However, there are no studies reporting predictors of patient satisfaction with LD ceramic restorations and their clinical outcomes in a Malaysian population. Therefore, the aim of this study was to investigate the clinical performance of LD single crowns and to determine the predictors of satisfaction in patients restored with LD all-ceramic crowns among a Malaysian population.

## Subjects and Methods

### *Ethical Guideline*

The study protocol was approved by the Medical Ethics Committee of the Faculty of Dentistry, University of Malaya, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. This cross-sectional survey was conducted from January to June 2016, among patients who had been provided with LD-based core, IPS e.max Press crowns at the Postgraduate Clinic, Faculty of Dentistry, University of Malaya.

### *Sample Size and Inclusion Criteria*

The sample size was calculated through calibration data obtained from 6 patients with 11 crowns before the commencement of the study. The sample size calculation showed that 26, 31, 41, and 94 pairs of subjects were needed to reject the null hypothesis of dental plaque, pocket depth, gingival recession, and bleeding, respectively, with 80% power. The alpha level was set at 0.05.

The inclusion criterion was LD ceramic (IPS e.max Press) crowns from graduate students in medically fit patients. Exclusion criteria were crowns made from other material, severe periodontal disease, parafunctional habits, and temporomandibular joint disorders.

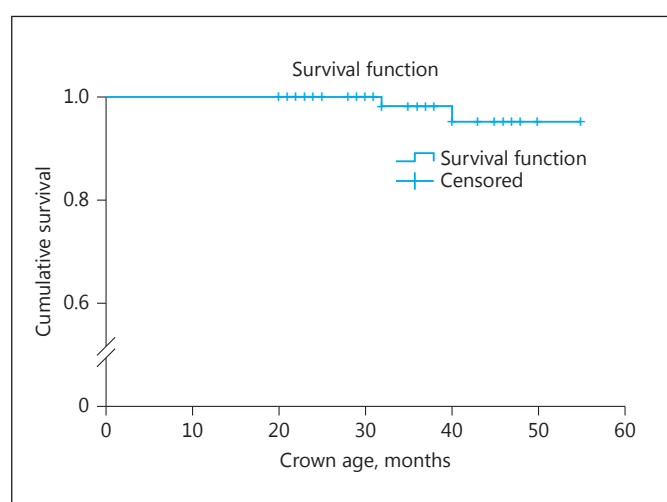
### *Interview Questionnaire*

Forty-seven patients completed the questionnaire (Appendix A) [15]. The questionnaire assessed sociodemographic characteristics, oral health habits, characteristics of the restorations, and overall satisfaction. Written informed consent was obtained from all the participants.

**Table 3.** Modified USPHS rating of LD crowns

Rating	n (%)			
	Alpha	Bravo	Charlie	Delta
Anatomic form	76 (86.4)	12 (13.6)	–	–
Marginal adaptation (labial/palatal)	68 (77.3)/74 (84.1)	20 (22.7)/13 (14.8)	–/–	–/1 (1.1)
Colour match	72 (81.8)	16 (18.2)	–	–
Integrity of restoration	85 (96.6)	–	3 (3.4)	–
Secondary caries	88 (100)	–	–	–
Postoperative sensitivity	88 (100)	–	–	–
Retention	88 (100)	–	–	–

USPHS, United States Public Health Service; LD, lithium disilicate.

**Fig. 1.** Survival rate of IPS e.max Press crowns ( $n = 88$ ) at 3 years.

#### Prosthodontic Parameters

A single calibrated examiner (M.S.S.) examined the crowns. Intra-examiner calibration was done using the modified United States Public Health Service (USPHS) evaluation criteria (Table 1) [16]. The kappa value of all the parameters that had been examined on the participants was greater than 0.8 (0.89). All the crowns were evaluated for biological and technical complications. Pulpal and periapical conditions were clinically examined and investigated using digital periapical radiographs. Retention and fit of the crowns were detected by the rating criteria (fit: 0, unfit/mobile: 1). Crown colour match was determined using the VITAPAN classical shade guide.

#### Participants

Forty-seven patients (31 females and 16 males) with 88 LD crowns (79 anterior and 9 posterior) were included in the study. The age of the participants ranged from 18 to 64 years.

A total of 88 teeth were crowned due to the following clinical indications: aesthetic inadequacy ( $n = 24$ ), tooth crown fracture ( $n = 19$ ), secondary caries ( $n = 17$ ), defective restoration ( $n = 9$ ),

primary caries/pain ( $n = 9$ ), crown replacement ( $n = 6$ ), and diastema ( $n = 4$ ). These crowns had been cemented with self-adhesive resin cement (RelyX™ U200). In addition, among all ( $n = 88$ ) crowned teeth, 19 were vital and 69 were non-vital. Sixty-eight non-vital teeth were restored with prefabricated fibre posts (RelyX™, 3M ESPE) and composite cores (Filtek™ Z350 XT, 3M ESPE), and 1 tooth was restored with glass ionomer cement core (Fuji IX, GC, Tokyo Japan). Overall patient characteristics are presented in Table 2.

#### Statistical Analysis

Kaplan-Meier survival analysis was performed. Differences between crowns and controls were estimated using the Wilcoxon signed-rank test. The Student  $t$  test and analysis of variance (ANOVA) were used to compare means across variables. Correlation analysis was used to assess the association between continuous variables. A multiple linear regression model was used for multivariate analysis.

## Results

Of the 88 LD crowns assessed, the survival rate was 96.6% ( $n = 85$ ) after a mean evaluation period of  $35.9 \pm 9.2$  months. Fractures (failures) were recorded in 2 (2.2%) crowns (major chipping) on the palatal surface of a non-vital maxillary incisor 32 months after insertion and on the occlusal surface of a non-vital maxillary second premolar, which occurred 40 months after insertion. One crown (1.13%) exhibited minor chipping on the incisal edge of a root-treated maxillary central incisor. Of the 88 crowns, 20 (22.7%) and 13 (14.8%) exhibited explorer catches with no caries on the labial and palatal margins, respectively; 16 (18.2%), 12 (13.6%), and 3 (3.4%) crowns exhibited minor colour mismatch, slight over-contour and minor fractures, respectively. One (1.1%) of the fractured crowns exhibited a delta rating: “obvious crevice at margin, dentine exposed.”

**Table 4.** Association between crown aesthetics, chewing ability, fit, and cleansability and sample characteristics

Variable	Aesthetics		Chewing ability		Fit		Cleansability	
	mean $\pm$ SD	<i>p</i> value	mean $\pm$ SD	<i>p</i> value	mean $\pm$ SD	<i>p</i> value	mean $\pm$ SD	<i>p</i> value
Gender								
Male	4.50 $\pm$ 2.09	0.697	4.87 $\pm$ 1.85	0.582	6.00 $\pm$ 0.00	0.083	5.93 $\pm$ 0.25	0.681
Female	4.74 $\pm$ 1.78		4.54 $\pm$ 1.99		5.90 $\pm$ 0.30		5.90 $\pm$ 0.30	
Ethnicity		0.611						
Malay	4.95 $\pm$ 1.58		5.00 $\pm$ 1.66	0.299	6.00 $\pm$ 0.00	0.183	5.00 $\pm$ 1.66	0.299
Chinese	4.40 $\pm$ 2.21		4.15 $\pm$ 2.20		5.90 $\pm$ 0.30		4.15 $\pm$ 2.20	
Indian	4.40 $\pm$ 1.81		5.20 $\pm$ 1.78		5.80 $\pm$ 0.44		5.20 $\pm$ 1.78	
Level of education		0.061		0.015				
Secondary school	4.78 $\pm$ 1.88		4.78 $\pm$ 2.04		5.85 $\pm$ 0.36	0.497	5.92 $\pm$ 0.07	0.419
Diploma	4.27 $\pm$ 1.96		4.38 $\pm$ 1.88		5.94 $\pm$ 0.23		5.83 $\pm$ 0.38	
Degree	5.46 $\pm$ 1.39		5.46 $\pm$ 1.33		6.00 $\pm$ 0.00		6.00 $\pm$ 0.00	
Masters	2.00 $\pm$ 1.41		1.00 $\pm$ 0.00		6.00 $\pm$ 0.00		6.00 $\pm$ 0.00	
Marital status		0.901						
Single	4.70 $\pm$ 1.92		4.60 $\pm$ 2.01	0.859	6.00 $\pm$ 0.00	0.083	6.00 $\pm$ 0.00	0.043
Married	4.62 $\pm$ 1.88		4.70 $\pm$ 1.91		5.88 $\pm$ 0.32		5.85 $\pm$ 0.36	
Age of patients		0.429						
$\leq 36$ years	4.87 $\pm$ 1.80		4.83 $\pm$ 1.90	0.536	6.00 $\pm$ 0.00	0.083	6.00 $\pm$ 0.00	0.043
$> 36$ years	4.43 $\pm$ 1.97		4.47 $\pm$ 1.99		5.86 $\pm$ 0.34		5.82 $\pm$ 0.38	
Smoking								
Smoker	6.00 $\pm$ 0.00	0.452	6.00 $\pm$ 0.00	0.474	6.00 $\pm$ 0.00	0.903	6.00 $\pm$ 0.00	0.869
Non-smoker	4.56 $\pm$ 1.90		4.56 $\pm$ 1.96		5.93 $\pm$ 0.25		5.90 $\pm$ 0.29	
Occasionally	6.00 $\pm$ 0.00		6.00 $\pm$ 0.00		6.00 $\pm$ 0.00		6.00 $\pm$ 0.00	
Alcohol intake		0.665		0.488				
Yes	6.00 $\pm$ 0.00		6.00 $\pm$ 0.00		6.00 $\pm$ 0.00	0.914	5.00 $\pm$ 0.00	0.007
Not regular	3.80 $\pm$ 2.58		4.40 $\pm$ 2.30		6.00 $\pm$ 0.00		6.00 $\pm$ 0.00	
Former	5.00 $\pm$ 0.00		2.00 $\pm$ 0.00		6.00 $\pm$ 0.00		6.00 $\pm$ 0.00	
Never	4.72 $\pm$ 1.82		4.72 $\pm$ 1.90		5.92 $\pm$ 0.26		5.92 $\pm$ 0.26	
Tooth brushing frequency								
1 time/day	2.61 $\pm$ 1.98	$<0.001$	2.15 $\pm$ 0.89	$<0.001$	6.00 $\pm$ 0.00	0.083	5.92 $\pm$ 0.27	0.903
$>1$ time/day	5.44 $\pm$ 1.10		5.61 $\pm$ 1.23		5.91 $\pm$ 0.28		5.91 $\pm$ 0.28	
Dental visit regularity								
Regular	5.45 $\pm$ 1.36	$<0.001$	5.25 $\pm$ 1.59	0.006	6.00 $\pm$ 0.00	0.083	5.93 $\pm$ 0.24	0.537
Irregular	3.12 $\pm$ 1.82		3.50 $\pm$ 2.06		5.81 $\pm$ 0.40		5.87 $\pm$ 0.34	
Flossing frequency								
Use	5.02 $\pm$ 1.73	0.005	5.02 $\pm$ 1.78		5.97 $\pm$ 0.16	0.216	5.97 $\pm$ 0.16	0.099
Don't use	2.87 $\pm$ 1.55		2.87 $\pm$ 1.72		5.75 $\pm$ 0.46		5.62 $\pm$ 0.51	
Age of crown	$r = -0.717$	$<0.001$	$r = -0.639$	$<0.001$	$r = 1.139$	0.194	$r = 1.645$	0.314

Postoperative sensitivity, retention, and secondary caries exhibited a 100% alpha rating in this group of subjects (Table 3). The clinical survival rate was 100% at 24 months (Fig. 1). The location of the crown had no significant effect on the crown survival rates ( $p = 0.17$ ) (log-rank test).

The mean age of crowns was  $34.7 \pm 9.7$  months. Significant associations between success variables and sample characteristics are shown in Table 4. There was a significant association between chewing ability satisfaction and tooth brushing frequency ( $p < 0.001$ ), dental visit regularity ( $p = 0.006$ ) and flossing ( $p = 0.009$ ). A

**Table 5.** Predictors of appearance, chewing ability, fit, cleansability, overall satisfaction, and 6 domains of satisfaction with the crowns in multivariate analysis

Variables	B	SE	$\beta$	<i>p</i> value	95% CI for B	
					range	
Appearance						
Tooth brushing frequency	1.803	0.397	0.434	0.000	1.001	2.604
Dental visit regularity	1.154	0.388	0.294	0.005	0.370	1.937
Flossing frequency	0.088	0.495	0.018	0.860	-0.910	1.086
Age of crowns	-0.72	0.027	-0.331	0.010	-0.126	-0.018
Chewing ability						
Tooth brushing frequency	2.791	0.389	0.652	0.000	2.007	3.576
Dental visit regularity	0.543	0.380	0.134	0.161	-0.224	1.309
Flossing frequency	0.153	0.484	0.030	0.753	-0.823	1.130
Age of crowns	-0.051	0.026	-0.026	0.040	-0.002	-0.103
Fitting						
Tooth brushing frequency	-0.247	0.079	-0.452	0.003	-0.406	-0.088
Dental visit regularity	0.140	0.077	0.272	0.075	-0.015	0.296
Flossing frequency	0.197	0.098	0.303	0.051	0.000	0.395
Age of crowns	-0.007	0.005	-0.229	0.220	-0.017	0.004
Cleansability						
Toothbrushing frequency	-0.173	0.094	-0.277	0.074	-0.363	0.017
Dental visit regularity	-0.048	0.092	-0.082	0.603	-0.234	0.137
Flossing frequency	0.339	0.117	0.457	0.006	0.103	0.576
Age of crowns	-0.008	0.006	-0.240	0.220	-0.021	0.005
Overall						
Tooth brushing frequency	-0.200	0.207	-0.165	0.339	-0.618	0.218
Dental visit regularity	-0.100	0.202	-0.087	0.623	-0.509	0.308
Flossing frequency	0.446	0.258	0.309	0.091	-0.074	0.966
Age of crowns	-0.001	0.014	-0.023	0.916	-0.029	0.027
Six domains						
Toothbrushing frequency	3.974	0.721	0.477	0.000	2.518	5.430
Dental visit regularity	1.688	0.705	0.214	0.021	0.265	3.111
Flossing frequency	1.224	0.898	0.123	0.180	-0.589	3.037
Age of crowns	-0.139	0.048	-0.317	0.006	-0.236	-0.041
B, regression estimate; SE, standard error; $\beta$ , regression coefficient.						

strong negative correlation was observed between aesthetic satisfaction and age of crowns ( $r = -0.717$ ,  $p < 0.001$ ).

In multivariate analysis, for cleansability satisfaction, the significant predictor was flossing frequency ( $p = 0.006$ ). For all 6 satisfaction domains, the significant predictors were tooth brushing frequency ( $p < 0.001$ ), dental visit regularity ( $p = 0.021$ ), and age of crowns ( $p = 0.006$ ). There was no multi-collinearity between the variables (Table 5). In multivariate analysis, there were no significant predictors for overall satisfaction, and the total model was also not significant ( $p = 0.403$ ).

## Discussion

In this study the LD crowns showed overall satisfactory clinical performance (low risk of failure). In addition, oral hygiene habits showed significant influence on patient satisfaction with LD crowns.

The survival rate of 96.6% at  $35.9 \pm 9.2$  months in the present study was similar to those reported in previous studies (95.4 and 97.8%) [17, 18]. A possible explanation for the high survival rates in the present study was the location of crowns, as 89.7% of all LD crowns were on anterior teeth. A high failure rate of up to 8.2% for posterior



LD single crowns, in comparison to 3.2% for anterior teeth, has been reported [19]. In the present study, 2 crowns showed major chipping and 1 crown showed minor chipping. The major chipping observed in non-vital teeth at 32 and 40 months, respectively, could be due to lack of proprioception [20]. Only 1 crown exhibited minor chipping on the incisal edge of a root-treated maxillary central incisor. Major and minor chipping is the most common form of failure in layered LD restorations. In a study by Yang et al. [19], 41.2% of failures among LD restorations was due to veneer ceramic chipping. In the present study all crowns were layered, therefore the fabrication technique of LD ceramics (layered) could possibly have caused the failures observed in the study. As a consequence, monolithic LD ceramic restorations are increasingly investigated for their mechanical properties and are introduced clinically to avoid veneer fracture, hence improving clinical outcomes [21].

In the present study, patients were satisfied with the aesthetics and functional performance of the LD restorations provided. In addition, a self-adhesive resin luting cement designed to be light-cured was employed, making the cement more colour stable. It has been reported that although all-ceramic restorations reproduce highly aesthetic outcomes [22, 23], it depends on an adequate application of techniques and selection of cement type [24, 25]. Moreover, patient satisfaction with LD crown treatment was also found to be associated with level of education and age of crowns along with oral hygiene predictors. The aesthetic and functional satisfaction findings of the present research are in agreement with previous findings [26, 27].

This was a retrospective study, and therefore it limited the ability of the investigators in controlling clinical techniques, which vary among different operators. In addition, postgraduate students, and not experts, operated on all the included patients, possibly influencing the clinical outcomes of the LD crowns. In addition, the subject numbers at recall visits were low. However, low response rates do not necessarily compromise the results of population

surveys unless systematic differences between participants and non-participants are observed [28]. An important finding was the excellent aesthetics outcome with the use of light-cured resin cement and layered LD restorations. In addition, oral health habits were significantly associated with aesthetic satisfaction. In a general perspective, the tradition of regular self-care practices in the Malaysian community was high; around two-thirds of the respondents brushed their teeth more than once a day and another one-third claimed tooth brushing less than once a day. In contrast with studies carried out in Scandinavia [29] and Latvia [30], oral hygiene habits of Malaysian people were not influenced by gender and level of education. It is worth noting that self-care practices in relation to aesthetic appearance and functional satisfaction in oral health tend to be more frequent in dental attenders than non-attenders. This study recommends that dentists should educate patients on oral hygiene habits associated with treatment success with LD crowns. Furthermore, clinical outcomes of monolithic LD restorations should be assessed by undergoing randomized controlled trials.

## Conclusion

The LD crowns provided satisfactory clinical performance (low risk of fracture) and had a survival rate of 96.6% for a follow-up period of up to 55 months. Moreover, oral health habits such as brushing, flossing, and regular dental visits influenced patient satisfaction with LD crowns.

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## Appendix A

Patient satisfaction questionnaire sheet.

Demographics			
Name: _____		Age: _____	Gender (M/F) _____
Marital Status (Married/Single): _____			
Ethnicity: Malay	<input type="checkbox"/>	Chinese	<input type="checkbox"/> Indian <input type="checkbox"/>
Level of Education: Secondary School <input type="checkbox"/> Diploma <input type="checkbox"/> Degree <input type="checkbox"/> Masters <input type="checkbox"/> PhD <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____			
Oral health related habits			
Smoking		Alcohol Intake	
Do you smoke? Yes ( ) No ( )			
If yes ( ) < 5years ( ) > 5years		Never ( )	
Pack years ( )		Occasional ( )	
Half pack years ( )		Former ( )	
Quarter pack years ( )		Yes ( )	
Parafunctional Habits			
Do you have any of the unusual habits?			
No <input type="checkbox"/>	Teeth Grinding <input type="checkbox"/>	Nail Biting <input type="checkbox"/>	Clenching <input type="checkbox"/> Tongue biting <input type="checkbox"/> Others <input type="checkbox"/>
Oral Hygiene Habits			
Dental Visits		Mouth rinse	
Never ( )		Never ( )	
Irregular ( )		Not regular ( )	
Regular <2times/year ( )		Yes ( )	
Regular >2times/year ( )			
Brushing		Interdental cleaning	
Do you brush your teeth? Yes ( ) No ( )			
<1 time/day ( )		Never ( )	
1 time/day ( )		Not regular ( )	
2times/day ( )		Yes ( )	
>2times/day ( )			
Do you use any extra items in cleaning your crown?			
No <input type="checkbox"/>	Interproximal brush <input type="checkbox"/>	Dental floss <input type="checkbox"/>	Tooth picks <input type="checkbox"/> Others _____
Crown satisfaction			
1. How satisfied are you with appearance of your crown?			
Completely Satisfied <input type="checkbox"/>	Moderately Satisfied <input type="checkbox"/>	Slightly Satisfied <input type="checkbox"/>	
Slightly Dissatisfied <input type="checkbox"/>	Moderately Dissatisfied <input type="checkbox"/>	Completely Dissatisfied <input type="checkbox"/>	
2. How satisfied are you with the fitting of your crown?			
Completely Satisfied <input type="checkbox"/>	Moderately Satisfied <input type="checkbox"/>	Slightly Satisfied <input type="checkbox"/>	
Slightly Dissatisfied <input type="checkbox"/>	Moderately Dissatisfied <input type="checkbox"/>	Completely Dissatisfied <input type="checkbox"/>	



3. How satisfied are you with the cleansability of your crown?

Completely Satisfied ☐ Moderately Satisfied ☐ Slightly Satisfied ☐  
Slightly Dissatisfied ☐ Moderately Dissatisfied ☐ Completely Dissatisfied ☐

4. How satisfied are you with that chewing ability of your crown?

Completely Satisfied ☐ Moderately Satisfied ☐ Slightly Satisfied ☐  
Slightly Dissatisfied ☐ Moderately Dissatisfied ☐ Completely Dissatisfied ☐

5. How satisfied are you with your crown regarding the speech?

Completely Satisfied ☐ Moderately Satisfied ☐ Slightly Satisfied ☐  
Slightly Dissatisfied ☐ Moderately Dissatisfied ☐ Completely Dissatisfied ☐

6. Overall, how satisfied are you with your crown?

Completely Satisfied ☐ Moderately Satisfied ☐ Slightly Satisfied ☐  
Slightly Dissatisfied ☐ Moderately Dissatisfied ☐ Completely Dissatisfied ☐

7. Do you feel your crown has caused problem to any of own natural teeth?

No ☐ If no skip to question no. 5  
Yes ☐ If yes, check the options below that apply

Made the opposing or Tooth nearby Sensitive ☐ Broke the filling of opposing or tooth nearby ☐

8. Do you think your crown causes any bleeding around the tooth during brushing?

No ☐ a little ☐ Some ☐ Moderate ☐ Extreme ☐ If yes ☐ → How many times per day?  
→ Continues or intermittent  
→ When → in the morning before eating?  
→ After eating food?  
→ After brushing  
→ Does it bleed  
always/everyday/sometime/seldom

9. Do you use your crown for eating?

No ☐ Sometimes ☐ Yes ☐ Not sure/don't know ☐

10. Does food get stuck in between the crown and neighboring teeth?

No ☐ Yes ☐ If yes ☐ What type of food → Meat  
→ Solid food  
→ Vegetable  
→ Soft food

11. Do you experience any unpleasant odor due to your crown?

No ☐ Yes ☐ As usual ☐ If yes ☐ → Do you think its cause by crown?  
→ Before crown?  
→ After crown?

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